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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. TRADE AGREEMENT. WE AND BILL LUERS FOUND AMBASSADOR'S THOUGHTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (BUDAPEST 2113) VERY HELPFUL FOR TODAY'S MEETING ON HOW TO ASSURE SENATE APPROVAL OF MFN TRADE AGREEMENT. PAUL STAHNKE (H), IRA WOLF, AND EB REPRESENTATIVE ALSO PARTICIPATED.

2. THE SENATE WILL BE ON MEMORIAL DAY RECESS FROM THIS WEEKEND UNTIL JUNE 5. MARK-UP ACTION BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE APPROVAL RECOMMENDATION, ACCORDING TO THE STAFF, IS NOT NOW EXPECTED UNTIL THE WEEK OF JUNE 12. (THE RIBICOFF SUBCOMMITTEE IS NOT EXPECTED TO TAKE A VOTE OR MAKE ANY FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL COMMITTEE.) IN LIGHT OF THIS TIMING, OUR STRATEGY WILL BE TO CONTACT STAFF OF AS MANY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE THIS WEEK  
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AND NEXT, AND THEN CALL ON ALL OR ALMOST ALL MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND FULL COMMITTEE STARTING JUNE 5 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AS FAVORABLE ACTION AS POSSIBLE BY THE COMMITTEE. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH KEY FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AND FIRM UP SOME "POINT MEN" AND OTHER SPOKESMEN. ALTHOUGH LUERS WILL BE AWAY UNTIL JUNE 8, WE EXPECT THAT GEORGE VEST, BILL

BARRACLOUGH, AND TO SOME EXTENT MATT NIMETZ WILL BE DOING MUCH OF THIS WORK. TOWARD THE END OF THE WEEK OF JUNE 5 WE SHOULD HAVE A BETTER READING OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH WE MAY NEED TO INVOLVE BOB STRAUSS AND JACKSON, AND ALSO WILL CONSIDER FURTHER THE POSSIBILITY OF TELEPHONE CALLS BY THE AMBASSADOR OR POSSIBLY HIS RETURN HERE FOR PERSONAL CONTACT WORK. WE'LL KEEP YOU FULLY POSTED AS WE PROCEED.

3. CARL TALKED AT LENGTH TODAY WITH BILL FRENZEL WHO IS ANXIOUS TO CONTINUE TO HELP. FOR EXAMPLE, HE PROBABLY WILL TALK TO DOLE IN AN EFFORT TO GET HIM TO BACK OFF.

4. A REMINDER. YOUR OFFICIAL-INFORMAL REPLY (BUDAPEST 2113) WAS RECEIVED HERE WITHOUT THE NECESSARY DISTRIBUTION LINE "FOR EUR/EE ONLY; 3 COPIES ONLY". FORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, DISTRIBUTION DID NOT GO MUCH BEYOND EUR FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON AND THUS NO HARM APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DONE. HOWEVER, WE REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE CERTAIN THE SLUG LINE DOES APPEAR ON ALL YOUR O-I MESSAGES; WE MAY NOT BE SO LUCKY IN THE FUTURE. CHRISTOPHER

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